Development of Cities in Odisha

†*315. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for development of cities in Orissa and the Centre's plan for future;

(b) whether the State Government has sought may help from the Centre in this regard; and

(c) whether any proposal from the State is pending with the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Urban Development implements schemes of the Central Government for development of cities and towns in all the States of India including Orissa. The details of the assistance sought for and granted for the State of Orissa are indicated below, scheme-wise:-

(i) **Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM)**:- JNNURM was launched on 3rd December 2005 to provide reforms-linked assistance for development of infrastructure in 63 (65 at present) identified cities including all cities having population of more than 1 million and the State Capitals and other cities/UTs of religious/ tourist and historic importance. The focus of the Mission is to transform the Mission cities into economically viable, productive, sustainable and efficient entities that can function as engines of economic growth by undertaking necessary reforms and addressing infrastructure deficiencies in an integrated manner. There are also subcomponents to cater to similar needs of small towns and cities in the States.

(a) **Urban Infrastructure and Governance (UIG) component of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM)**:- Two mission cities have been identified in Orissa namely Bhubaneshwar and Puri. Five Projects have been approved for these Mission cities for which the share of the Central Government for Additional Central Assistance (ACA) is Rs.458.61 Crore for 3 projects in Bhubaneshwar and Rs.178.52 Crore for 2 projects in Puri. An amount of Rs.114.65 Crore for Bhubaneshwar and Rs.44.63 Crore for Puri has been released to the Government of Orissa.

The projects sanctioned are in the sectors of water supply, sewerage, drainage and urban renewal. No other proposal of Orissa Government is pending for consideration.

(b) **Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT)**:- UIDSSMT is a component of JNNURM for providing infrastructure facilities in small and medium towns of the

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country. A sum of Rs.181.79 Crore has been allocated for the State of Orissa for ACA under UIDSSMT for the 7-year mission period 2005-12. The State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) of the State of Orissa has recommended 28 projects from 23 towns at a cost of Rs.540.69 Crore under UIDSSMT against which ACA of Rs.90.79 Crore has been released for 16 projects in 12 towns, comprising 11 projects for water supply, 2 for water body and 1 each for Sewerage, Urban Renewal/Heritage and Road. The towns for which releases have been made are Sambalpur, Cuttack, Berhampur, Parlakhemundi, Koraput, Angul, Vyasanagar, Phulbani, Nayagarh, Bargarh, Talcher and Bhawanipatna.

The other 12 Water Supply projects from 11 towns approved by SLSC at a cost of Rs.317.90 Crore involving ACA of 254.32 Crore cannot be considered at present for release, as the State has already exhausted its seven-year Mission allocation.

(c) **Procurement of Buses under JNNURM**:- As a part of second stimulus package, in January 2009, the Government has decided to fund purchase of buses for the Mission cities under JNNURM. Under the scheme for funding for purchase of buses for Urban Transport Under JNNURM, 100 and 25 buses have been sanctioned for Bhubaneshwar and Puri cities of Orissa respectively at a total cost of Rs.19.80 Crore out of which ACA is Rs. 15.84 Crore. An amount of Rs.7.92 Crore has been released during the financial year 2008-09 as first instalment.

(ii) **Capacity Building Scheme for Urban Local Bodies (CBULB)**:- In order to strengthen the capacities of Urban Local Bodies (including the cities in Orissa) other than those towns and cities not covered under UIG and UIDSSMT of JNNURM, Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India has formulated a scheme namely Capacity Building Scheme for Urban Local Bodies (CBULB) having a total outlay for Rs.125 Crore for the Eleventh Five Year Plan. A proposal has been received from Government of Orissa for strengthening the capacity of 58 Urban Local Bodies under the CBULB at a cost of Rs.350.30 lakh with duration of two years, which has been approved in principle.

(iii) **National Urban Information System (NUIS) Scheme**:- Ministry of Urban Development has launched National Urban Information System (NUIS) Scheme in March, 2006 to develop GIS databases for several towns/cities in the country (including the State of Orissa) in two scales *i.e.*, 1:10,000 and 1:2000. As on date the total number of towns in NUIS Scheme is 152. Six towns of Orissa *viz.* Baleshwar, Baripada, Berhampur, Cuttack, Rourkela and Sambalpur are also in the list of NUIS Scheme. Apart from

spatial data, the Scheme has another component *i.e.* National Urban Data Bank and Indicators (NUDBI).

The spatial and attribute databases thus generated will be useful for preparation of Master/Development Plans, detailed town planning schemes and serve as decision support for e-governance. An amount of Rs.20.50 lakh (Rs.16.00 lakh for Hardware/Software and Rs.4.50 lakh for National Urban Databank and Indicators) under this Scheme was released to Government of Orissa as the central share in the year 2007-08.

Sharing of Network with Foreign Service Providers by BSNL/MTNL

*316. SHRI ISHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether BSNL and MTNL propose to enter into agreements with foreign telecom service providers for sharing their respective networks;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether any terms have been fixed for providing foreign telecom service providers to collaborate with BSNL/MTNL; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and likely benefit to Government from such agreements?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Sir, BSNL proposes to enter into 9 agreements with the foreign telecom carriers/telecom service providers to facilitate both way flow of transit and terminating voice and data traffic to basically serve the enterprise customers. 21 such agreements already exist. The details is given in Statement (*See* below). Besides these, there are international roaming agreements with 405 operators in 184 countries for mobile services.

MTNL do not have any proposal for agreements with the foreign telecom carriers. However, it has International roaming agreements with 366 operators in 163 countries.

(c) and (d) BSNL has fixed the terms for collaborating in the agreements with foreign telecom carriers/telecom service providers. The agreement contains legal clauses like dispute resolution, assignment, set off etc. and commercial clauses like tariff, payment terms and billing etc. Depending upon the requirement it also contains technical arrangements with the foreign carrier/ telecom service provider. These agreements will enable BSNL to extend its reach globally in providing international voice dialing services and dedicated data services both point-to-point as well as point-to-multipoint, with the state-of-art facilities at competitive prices.